

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1-9. (canceled)

10. (new) A sauce for alimentary use comprising:

at least 40% balsamic vinegar of Modena,

a thickening agent,

and a sugar,

wherein the thickening agent and the sugar are contained in a basic preparation comprising sugar, lactose, dehydrated glucose syrup, maltodextrin, modified starch and xanthan gum.

11. (new) The sauce according to claim 10, further comprising a flavoring base.